

PATENT

(Practitioner's Docket No. IN-5212D)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Timothy S. December

Serial No.: This application is a Divisional  
of 09/467,256 filed December 20, 1999.


Filed: November 8, 2001

For: PIGMENT DISPERSANTS HAVING  
ANIONIC FUNCTIONALITY FOR USE IN  
ANODIC ELECTROCOAT  
COMPOSITIONS

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

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Marjorie Ellis

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the  
following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification by inserting the following before line 1 on  
page 1:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/467,256 filed December  
20, 1999, ~~pending~~ <sup>now U.S. Pat. No. 6,376,616</sup>